



TRI-CITY CITIZENS UNION FOR PROGRESS

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FIRST HOUSE — Rev. William Fox, left, and Ernest R. Winston, right, hold ribbon for Roscoe Brunson Jr., who will be one of first residents in newly reno-



CO-AUTHOR...Mindy Thompson wrote "Homeboy Comes to Orange" with her father, Ernie Thompson.

Family day program ends activities at Tri-City

NEWARK — The Tri-City People's Center at 673-81 South 19th St., closed its summer activities with a family day program on Saturday. Over 200 parents and children attended.

The theme of the program

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sponsored through the Mt. Campbell Center and Garden State Arts Center.

In addition four agencies cooperated with the assignment of 35 youth workers. Participating agencies were COPE, PEP, Neighborhood Youth Corps and Mt. Carmel Guild.

According to the executive director, Mrs. Rebecca Andrade, a contribution of \$500 from the Sun Oil Company helped finance the arts program which included a part-time instructor and purchase of materials and supplies. Sun Oil which made its presentation to us earlier in the year in maintaining an interest," said

Tri-City marks a decade

NEWARK, N.J. — Tri-City County Citizens Union for Progress celebrated its tenth year of operation by hosting an All People's Mini-Conference on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The purpose of the mini-conference, "The organization's executive director Rebecca Doggett Andrade, is to inspire neighborhood residents to continue to work to attain the original goals of the organization."

The group's accomplishments include organizing Amity Village Number One, a housing cooperative; establishing a center; providing child care to over 100 children and sponsoring a women's and children's clinic.

The day featured a 12-hour square-block-tour around the target area. Apartments in Amity Village were visited and inspected. This 300-unit complex has been rehabilitated and maintained by Tri-City.

The activities were designed to enlighten the area's predominantly black population to the services and facilities provided by the Citizens Union.

These services are free of charge. Funds are generated from public and private grants as well as from fund raising events.

Workshops explaining the program were conducted in Spanish and English. Both Spanish and English housing units were discussed in the work as improved workshops was the organization's 1977 objectives.

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Memorial Foundation

Maggie Thompson, Ernie's widow, lives in Orange and is involved with the Ernest Thompson Memorial Foundation, located in Newark. The foundation had been started in 1974 by herself and Thompson's friends with the goal of raising funds to publish the book. The foundation has now completed its purpose and gone out of existence, but monies

is on the Board of Tri-Cities Citizens' Union, and is also active in Citizens for Representative Government.

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